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Hello Class of 2013,

Congratulations on being accepted into TJHSST, and we can't wait to have you join us next year here at Jefferson!

Allow us to introduce ourselves. We are the Student Government Association, or SGA, an elected group of students who represents the TJ student body. While we are responsible for planning such events as Homecoming, school-wide pep rallies, and an end of the year celebration called "Jefferson Day," SGA members are also responsible for raising any issues the student body has to the school administration.

The first major event of the year is one of TJ's most honored traditions—Homecoming. During the week of September 28th to October 3rd, SGA will organize many events to raise school spirit and to celebrate life at TJ for our annual Homecoming. Each of the classes—Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors—will prepare to compete in several Homecoming events that the whole school gets to enjoy.

The sophomore, junior, and senior classes are led by their class officers elected every year in early June. These class governments are responsible for pulling their respective classmates together for events such as a class skit, dance, etc. However, as freshmen, you will not be able to elect your own government in time for Homecoming. Because of this, we are creating a Freshmen Committee, or **Froshcomm**, to serve as an interim government until you are able to elect your own officers in November.

Attached is an application that you must fill out if you wish to be considered for a position on Froshcomm. Approximately eight incoming Freshmen will be chosen by SGA, and they will be meeting with us several times over the summer to start planning. Please understand that being a member of Froshcomm is a serious commitment and that you will be very busy for the first few weeks of school. Planning Homecoming activities is a tremendous amount of fun, but it also takes spirited and motivated class leaders to put on a great show. Keeping that in mind, we encourage you to apply. Being a part of student government is an excellent opportunity to become involved in your new school, to meet new people, and to create lasting friendships before classes even start in the fall.

Applications must be postmarked by **Wednesday, August 5th**. Alternatively, an electronic copy of the application is available at www.tjhsst.edu/sga. More details regarding submission can be found on the application.

We hope to hear from you soon!
TJHSST SGA

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FROSHCOMM APPLICATION FORM

Hey TJ Freshmen! Hey Class of 2013!
Do you consider yourself a leader?
Are you interested in being a part of class government?
If so, join FROSHCOMM!

The Freshman Committee (or FROSHCOMM) is a group of Thomas Jefferson 9th graders who run freshman class government until class elections are held in October. FROSHCOMM is responsible for organizing the Freshman Homecoming activities, including class skit, class float, spirit day participation, and much, much more. It is a great way to meet new students and to dive right in to your Jefferson experience!

If this interests you, please email a completed application to TJHSSTSGA@googlegroups.com. All applications must be emailed (TJHSSTSGA@googlegroups.com) or snail-mailed by **Wednesday, August 5th** to the address listed below. Selections will be announced within a week (via email).

If you have any questions, please contact Student Government Association (SGA) Treasurer Franklin Zhou ('10) at TJHSSTSGA@googlegroups.com.

Note: Applicants must also be available to attend the beginning-of-the-year Student Leadership activities, including:

- Saturday, August 29th-Sunday, August 30th Student Leadership Retreat (noon to noon at Camp Highroad)
- There will be an additional planning meeting before the retreat; please indicate below, when you will be available during the month of August

Available dates: _____

If selected, more details will follow. The retreat is chaperoned by class and SGA sponsors.

Name _____ Middle School _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

List any fall sports commitments: _____

Please complete this form AND a 500 word MAXIMUM essay describing what leadership skills or experience make you qualified to be a part of FROSHCOMM. If leadership is new to you, please describe what your hopes are for student leadership at TJ. If you cannot submit your application electronically, send this form and essay to:

Franklin Zhou, SGA Treasurer
721 Lawton St.
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Applications are due by Wednesday, August 5th!